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APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A transport member [essentially] consisting essentially of fiber-reinforced plastic,

wherein said transport member is used for transporting an article to be transported, and

wherein said fiber-reinforced plastic comprises:

at least one first layer containing a unidirectional reinforced fiber, oriented by -20° to +20° with respect to a longitudinal direction of said transport member, having a tensile elasticity of 500 to 1000 GPa; and

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at least one second layer containing a unidirectional reinforced fiber, oriented by +75° to +90° [and/or] or -75° to -90° with respect to said longitudinal direction of said transport member, having a tensile elasticity of 200 to 400 GPa.

2. (Amended) A transport member according to claim 1, wherein said fiber-reinforced plastic further comprises at least one third layer, said at least one third layer containing a unidirectional reinforced fiber, oriented by +30° to +60° [and/or] or -30° to -60° with respect to said longitudinal direction of said transport member, having a tensile elasticity of 500 to 1000 GPa.

3. (Amended) A transport member comprising skin and core layers [essentially] consisting essentially of a fiber-reinforced plastic; wherein said transport member is used for transporting an article to be transported, and

wherein said skin layer comprises at least two first layers containing a unidirectional reinforced fiber, oriented by -20° to +20° with respect to a longitudinal direction of said transport member, having a tensile elasticity of 500 to 1000 GPa.

4. (Amended) A transport member according to claim 3, wherein said core layer comprises at least two second layers containing a unidirectional reinforced fiber, oriented by +75° to +90° [and/or] or -75° to -90° with respect to said longitudinal direction of said transport member, having a tensile elasticity of 200 to 400 GPa; or at least one third layer containing a unidirectional reinforced fiber, oriented by +30° to +60°

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[and/or] or -30° to -60° with respect to said longitudinal direction of said transport member, having a tensile elasticity of 500 to 1000 GPa.

5. (Amended) A transport member comprising laminated skin and core layers made of carbon-fiber reinforced plastic[;]

wherein said transport member is used for transporting an article to be transported, and

wherein said skin layer comprises:

a first layer containing a first carbon fiber, oriented by an angle range of -20° to +20° with respect to a longitudinal direction of said transport member, having a tensile elasticity of 500 to 1000 GPa; and

a second layer containing a second carbon fiber, oriented by an angle range of +75° to +90° [and/or] or -75° to - 90° with respect to said longitudinal direction, having a tensile elasticity of 200 to 400 GPa.

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